

# **PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**March 9, 2007**

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## MINUTES

1. Call to Order – 8:35 am by Marilyn Wilkinson
2. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS ON ANY ITEM NOT ON TODAY'S AGENDA
  - John Carroll – We will be holding the Spokes, Spurs and Sneakers ride on Sunday, March 18, 2007, at Eastview Park next to Sweetwater Summit. This is a benefit for the Bonita Trail Riders.
  - Doug Goad – Last time I talked about encroachment on trails in Encinitas. Neighborhoods want to do traffic calming and we are trying to work with neighborhoods to put trails in for safe walking and is an alternative to sidewalks. We are moving forward on this and we have a trails master plan and an official document.
  - Mike McCoy – We are trying to find a way to get from the Otay River Valley Park to the Tijuana River Valley Park. It is difficult to find a way to make an attractive and acceptable route. If the City of Encinitas is trying to do it then why can't the City of San Diego and the County of San Diego try? I think this idea of traffic calming might be something that we can use.
  - Doug Goad – We did that with a neighborhood in Cardiff that came along and said that they want a safe route to school on two of their streets. They drew out a line and went out there and walked it with a couple of City Counsel members and had some advice about how to proceed and get this route in.
  - Paul Davis – I visited with a member of our rotary club who happens to be one of the Boy Scout directors here in San Diego County. There is a trail that goes up to San Dieguito River Valley up to the mountains and stuff like that. They would like to turn that into some kind of hiking trail for Boy Scouts and other people. They would like to put a camping area up there. The Boy Scouts would help create the location and build the area but they wouldn't want to maintain it. Then they would turn it over to someone because they don't have the resources to maintain it. I have information to give to you and a contact name.
  - Mike McCoy – I want to put the Otay/Tijuana River route on next month's agenda.
    - ♦ Renée Bahl – What I would suggest then, because April we will be at El Monte, it won't lend for great group discussions, is put it on the May agenda and it will be a very broad discussion. We would have a map that shows it and talk about possibilities and brainstorm a little bit on opportunities and constraints. So I wouldn't expect action but an open discussion. We probably won't have a lot of answers but at least we can get started.
  - Marilyn Wilkinson – Let's talk about my community. We voted down the Atlas Ridge Homes/Panoramic Ridge Development three times. The Supervisor has been told that unless she gets the community support, it's not going to happen. They had a meeting with me and a couple other people in the planning group. We wanted to know what they are going to do to bring value to our community. How will this benefit Spring Valley? An environmental Impact report has been done and it shows that the buildable acres have gone down by about 1/3 because of that report. Other

housing developments have also gone down by 1/3. The other housing tracts all have obligation bonds to make sure that the creek is opened up and that the trails are kept pristine and the open space is kept nice. They have not fulfilled those obligations. So the one housing tract is going to go to the other housing tract and talk to them about not fulfilling their bonds. They are going to force them to complete their obligation bonds. The trails will be open and they will mainly be open space trails. Also, the National History Museum is ending the Earth, Wind and Fire exhibit and is looking for people to take and put this exhibit.

- Doug Goad – Has there been any feedback on the fee increase?
    - ♦ Renée Bahl – A group of people are very happy and a group of people are unhappy. There have been a couple of letters of complaint but the board took action and it's done.
  - John Degenfelder – I have a handout where I need all these addresses of all the parks in Ramona. What's the chance that I can get trails maps for Ramona.
    - ♦ Renée Bahl – We will talk to Maryanne Vancio right after the meeting. As far as the addresses, Teresa, I will assign those to you.
    - ♦ Renée Bahl – We will be sending out invitations to you for our new Parks and Recreation Office Open House. The event will be on April 20 from 11am to 2 pm.
    - ♦ Randy Ford – Reminder for meeting at El Monte Park. We will have vehicles for carpooling. We will be leaving at 7:45 am, just let Sabrina or myself know if you would like to carpool.
3. Approval of January 12, 2007 Minutes
- Approval of February 9, 2007 Minutes  
MOTION TO APPROVE JANUARY 12, 2007 – Paul Davis, 2<sup>nd</sup> Doug Goad  
ALL IN FAVOR – 6-0-0
4. DEPARTMENT REPORT – Randy Ford
- I want to talk about the Vallecito Stage Station. It was a great historic event that was re enacted. The Stage Station has been restored several times.
  - National Trails Day celebrations to be held at Los Peñasquitos on March 17<sup>th</sup>, May 4<sup>th</sup> -6<sup>th</sup>, June 2<sup>nd</sup> and June 9<sup>th</sup>.
  - The Endangered Species Day is in progress and we have distributed flyers for Dr. Robinson.
  - Parks Department provided a youth outdoor adventure program trip for District 2 and District 5, which included Spring Valley Teen Center and San Pasqual Academy.
  - Ground was broken for the new ball field, called the Miracle Field for children with special needs. It is well on its way to being built at San Dieguito.
5. PLDO and CSA Fund Balance Reports – Renée Bahl
- Distributed the updated PLDO and CSA reports.
  - We are still moving forward with the PMAD (Park Maintenance Assessment District), however, it may take a little longer, as we are adding more time to inform the public.
6. LINDO LAKE BOATHOUSE – Mark Massen
- In September 2006, we started the project with a grant from the State for \$150,000.
  - The Secretary of the Interior has designated 4 types of treatments to be done to historic buildings: Reconstruction, Preservation, Restoration and Rehabilitation. We will probably go with rehabilitation. We are requesting a consultant list from the City of San Diego for a historical structures report. They will be looking at the conceptual structure history for the boathouse, the construction chronology that would take

place, the treatment that the Parks Department decides to use, the present condition of the boathouse and the architectural integrity for the foundation.

- They will then give us a treatment guideline and a budget.
- We will be using the Chamber Group Consultant Company.
- We are putting together the consultant contract and when it is complete it will go to County Counsel for review.
- We are asking for two conceptual concepts/plans for this project. We will then review internally and choose the one that the community wants and the one that we would like to see as well.
- We expect to go the BOS after contract is negotiated with the consultant.
  - ♦ Renée Bahl: We would like to get an action from the Committee that supports this project.
  - ♦ Marilyn Wilkinson: Who is the person on the historical society?
  - ♦ Randy Ford: Chris Herzog.
  - ♦ Marilyn Wilkinson: When will the fountain (aerator) be fixed?
  - ♦ Randy Ford: There is currently no plan to fix the aerator.
  - ♦ Jim Peugh: How old is the structure?
  - ♦ Randy Ford: I want to say the 1880's.
  - ♦ Jim Peugh: Is it still in its original structure?
  - ♦ Mark Massen: The structure was originally surrounded by water. The roof has been changed several times. We spoke with the various consultants that were interviewed and they did preliminary work regarding the boathouse roof and we have specified that the roof be changed to be more like the original.
  - ♦ Jim Peugh: Can the bridge be made more like the original?
  - ♦ Mark Massen: We are going through the budget requirements and are hoping that we can include the bridge.
  - ♦ Marilyn Wilkinson: We need to ask the Rodeo and Barona for funding of this project. Can something be done to fix the lake?
  - ♦ Randy Ford: Several studies have been done and it would cost an estimated 15 million to do everything that needs to be done.

MOTION TO SUPPORT LINDO LAKE REHABILITATION EFFORTS BY MARILYN WILKINSON, 2<sup>ND</sup> Paul Davis  
ALL IN FAVOR – 7-0-0

7. DPR ORDINANCE / SUNSET REVIEW – Renée Bahl

- It's time for us to bring to the Board of Supervisors the ordinance that relates to the Parks and Recreation Department.
- This is a chance for us to streamline and talk about any changes that we may want to make.
- County Counsel has the ultimate lead on this and has the final say on when the revision goes to the Board of Supervisors.
- We are looking at changing some of the definitions to better define what a County Park facility is and the animals and vegetation. Wherever we talk about historical resources, we'll also talk about cultural resources. We will incorporate the new no smoking ordinance. Where it talks about getting approval for special events, or putting in written approval to eliminate problems.
- In general, we are going to add new enforcement provisions that are much stronger than they are now. We are also adding repercussions for people who are doing something illegal.

- I would like to know if you have policy issues that you would like to see discussed and considered putting in or have removed.
  - ♦ Doug Goad – It seems like this may be complicating things by trying to be that specific with everything, what's the real intent behind what we are trying to accomplish. Let's leave the definitions broad so we don't box ourselves in
- In some cases we're talking about putting in 'such as', or 'including but not limited to'. What we think might be general questions. This is something that we should revisit and probably look at in a broader sense.
  - ♦ Marilyn Wilkinson – I know that pets are allowed at Agua Caliente and I think that the campers should be given a handout with the rules for their pets. It would be a great idea to designate section 2 a no pet area because of all the wildlife. We could have the pets in the other sections where the playground, children and the people are.
- There are signs posted on the reservation regarding some of the ordinance. We will find out if signs are being made for Agua.
  - ♦ Paul Davis – I know that a lot of insurance contracts put definitions of their terms at the bottom or in the back of their contract; maybe we could do something like that.
  - ♦ Mike McCoy – In general, most of the time you can't mix domestic animals with wildlife, there cannot be direct interaction with people and their pets with wildlife; it could be a general guideline.
  - ♦ John Degenfelder – I have ridden my horse through different areas and had wildlife follow me, if there are dogs in the area, they chase off the wildlife.
  - ♦ Jim Peugh – That's true and the Fish and Wildlife Agency have general guidelines at the national level and other agencies have them. But it's hard to enforce.
  - ♦ Doug Goad – Suggests inspiring the people of the County.
  - ♦ Jim Peugh – Under plants, it says that people shouldn't remove plants but there is nothing about introducing plants or planting them in the parks. Also, under the animals, it talks about not feeding the animals. We should have something about not feeding and not releasing animals at the parks as well.
  - ♦ Mike McCoy – I think that we could work on education to help alleviate some issues.
- We are working with County Counsel and we will discuss and research everything that we have talked about. We will talk about this at a later date for your action of support.

8. Opportunity for Members of Public to Speak on Any Items Not on Today's Agenda

- None

8. Adjournment 9:30 am Marilyn Wilkinson

ATTENDEES:

Dr. Mike McCoy, District 1  
 John Carroll, District 1  
 Marilyn Wilkinson, District 2  
 John Degenfelder, District 2  
 Doug Goad, District 3 (arrived at 9:00 am)  
 Paul Davis, District 3  
 Jim Peugh, District 4  
 Renée Bahl, County of San Diego Parks and Recreation

Randy Ford, County of San Diego Parks and Recreation  
Mark Massen, County of San Diego Parks and Recreation  
Sabrina Hicks, County of San Diego Parks and Recreation  
Teresa Beauharnois, County of San Diego Parks and Recreation